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TESTIMONY REGARDING HOUSE BILL 5639, AN ACT REGARDING SIGNAGE ON HIGHWAY RAMPS

Good Morning Co-Chairs Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrero; Vice Chairs Senator Leone, Representative Arce; Ranking Members Senator Boucher, Representative O'Dea; and esteemed members of the Committee. My name is Melissa Ziobron and I am proud to represent the 34th District, which encompasses the towns of East Hampton, East Haddam and part of Colchester. I am testifying about a bill that I have proposed—HB 5639.

My former constituent, Austin Myers was a longtime DMV employee and a friend to many. One of the last conversations I had with him before he passed away was his idea for this bill. A veteran of the Korean War, Austin served in the U.S. Marines Corps. He was initiated into the Phi Beta Kappa Society in 1950 and received his graduate degree from Yale University. After spending many years overseas and in postings in the United States with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Army, he retired and returned to Connecticut. His public service included time in Vietnam during the war.

Out of an abundance of respect to him and his service to our country I decided to raise it as he had requested. He believed strongly that adding the word "DANGER" onto **Wrong Way** signs would save lives.

He passed away on Election Day 2014.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Ziobron".

Melissa Ziobron
State Representative
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